GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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SPURIOUS PESTICIDES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether adulterated and spurious pesticides are being manufactured and sold in various seed centres in the country including Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the remedial action taken by the Government to stop the manufacture and sale of such pesticides?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): There are reports of manufacture and sale of spurious pesticides,including two cases in Chikaballapur and one case in Davangere in Karnataka.

(c): The pesticide samples are drawn by Insecticide Inspectors and tested in 54 State Pesticide Testing Laboratories in 20 States and 1 Union Territory and also in the two Regional Pesticide Testing Laboratories at Chandigarh and Kanpur.The Central Insecticides Laboratory at Faridabad performs referral analysis. Offenders are prosecuted under the provisions of the Insecticides Act, 1968.The State Government of Karnataka has registered cases against the offenders in the three cases referred to in reply to parts (a) and (b) under the provisions of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and the Insecticides Act, 1968.